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SPECIAL BRANCH REGISTRY. File No. Y. O. 190.

SUBJECT

Adolph Nielsen, German.

Names involved

Rosier Walt, wife of Moritz Umlauf.
Firm of Gustav Boehm.
Paraboni, Italian.
Meitah & Co, Chin. Dispensary

NIELSEN (Adolph) 190

Description: German subject, 5 feet 9 inches, black hair, clean shaven, livid complexion, medium build, 52 years old.

Chemist's shop in Chaotung Road, where dangerous materials are said to be stored. File No. 190.

Arms found in Nielsen's house in Frenchtown where fire occurred and account of Court proceedings. Press comments on case. File No. 20.

Sells impotency specific in his shop. File No. 176.

Statement of Loo Pak Lwon, ex boy of Lorscher, implicating Nielsen and Fromm in opium smuggling. File No. 501.

Nielsen ~~sh~~ [illegible] From 25:6:'16 to 5:10:'16. File No. 635.

,, 11:10:'16 to 10:1:'17. ,, 797.

Nielsen suits chemistry business and swindler in opium deal. File No. 923.

,, Gives information re Wuse. His address on 27:5:'17. ,, 1051.

,, and Harbin Road Arms Case. C.I.D. Registry.

" re " "S.S. "Hsin Fung" " and dispatch of S.S. "Hsin Fung" and "Hoochien Maru" 1906

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Shanghai Municipal Police.

CENTRAL POLICE Station.

16th April, 1918.

REPORT ON Nielsen's Connections with Rebels.

Made by D.S.I.Givens. Forwarded by

Sir,

Although rumours have been current during the past three years that Nielsen, the German spy and gun runner, was assisting Chinese revolutionaries, the statement of Chang Sau Liang (章少良) was the first information of a definite character about this matter to reach the Police.

Nielsen had illicit dealings with a bath shop keeper named Zung Jung Ling (程阎林), 700 Fokien Road, in September 1916. Hitherto it was thought that these illicit dealings had to do with opium, but they may very well have been of a more serious character.

A Chinesem named Tsu Oo Chun (朱五均) and Nielsen kept a chemist's shop at No. 108 Chaotung Road from the end of 1915 till the early part of 1917. Many Chinese used to visit this shop, some of whom might have been rebel plotters.

In the latter part of 1915, Nielsen had a rooms at No. 1a Jinkee Road, where he kept chemicals and chemical appliances. He used to visit this room almost daily after office hours, and it is possible that he was making bombs or parts of bombs there.

In June 1916 Nielsen was reported to be making bombs in Chapei. An attempt to locate the alleged bomb factory was unsuccessful.

If the story about Nielsen making bombs be correct, it is ~~[illegible]~~ probable that they were intended for the rebels.

Your obedient servant,

H.Givens D.S.I.

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Shanghai Municipal Police.

Central Police Station.

April 13th 1908.

REPORT ON Whereabouts of Adolph Neilsen.

Made by D. S. Sullivan. Forwarded by

Sir,

Adolph Neilsen is now living at B.4 Ong Shung Feng (鴻鑫坊) North Henan Road Extension.

He keeps a school for Chinese at above address and has about twenty pupils.

I am, Sir,
Your Obedient Servant,
J. Sullivan.
Detective Sergeant.

Chief Detective Inspector.

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Shanghai Municipal Police.

CENTRAL POLICE Station.

3rd March, 1918.

REPORT ON Nielsen's Photograph.

Made by D.S.I.Givens. Forwarded by Chief Detective Inspector.

Sir,

Herewith two copies of Nielsen's portrait. There is a better likeness of this man in possession of the British Consulate. It is attached to a photographic reproduction of a spurious Spanish passport.

I am, Sir,
Your obedient servant,
T.A.Givens
Detective Sub-Inspector.

Chief Detective Inspector.

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Memorandum.

FROM THE POLICE FORCE,
MUNICIPAL COUNCIL,
CENTRAL POLICE STATION,

Shanghai, 31st May, *1917.*

To Chief Detective Inspector.

Sir,

Adolph Nielsen, the German, who has frequently come under the notice of the Police, is still living at No. B3 San Tuh Li (三德里), Paoshan Road, North Honan Road Extension.

Your obedient servant,

W.B. Newport

D.S.I.

Forwarded
by

Chief Detective Inspector.

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Shanghai Municipal Police

Central Police Station.

August 4th, 1916.

REPORT ON Alleged Intention of A. Nielsen and Rosier Walt to Leave Shanghai.

Made by D.S.Givens. Forwarded by Chief Detective Inspector.

Sir,

I beg to report that I saw Mr. Mann of the Finance Department last evening, and he informed me that at 4.30 p.m. A. Nielsen and Rosier Walt had called to get some money owing to them by the Council. The parties had told the Chinese clerks that they wanted the money immediately, as they were leaving Shanghai last night. A. Nielsen is the German who has figured so prominently in the arms traffic, and Rosier Walt is the wife of Moritz Umlauf of the Gas Kitchen, 112 Broadway. Enquiries go to show that neither of the parties named left Shanghai last night. Mr. Mann did not speak to them himself, and his information is based on what one of his Chinese clerk told him.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

D.S.Givens

Detective Sergeant.

Chief Detective Inspector.

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Shanghai Municipal Police.

No. 190
Date 23/3/16.

Central Police Station.

March 13th 1916.

REPORT ON Alleged Storage of Dangerous Substances in Settlement and a Soap Factory on the Border.

Made by D.S.Givens *Forwarded by*

Sir,

Regarding attached, I beg to report that the firm of Gustav Beehm, No. 8B Kiangse Road, are managers and agents of a soap factory situated in Chinese territory on the Siccawei Creek, a short distance to the East of Route Prosper Paris. This establishment has been under suspicion since the commencement of the war. Arms were said to have been stored and transported from there during last year. An Italian named Paraboni, who has now left the place, is said to have figured in the business mentioned. Owing to the laws forbidding trading with the enemy, the establishment ran short of soda some four months ago, and it was thought for a time that it would be obliged to close down. Since then it has succeeded in getting supplies of the substance mentioned through some neutral, and business is now going on as usual. As far as I can learn glycerine is the only one of the chemicals named which is kept in any quantity in this factory.

Nos 128, 129, 108 and 109 Chao Tung Road are occupied by persons carrying on the chemistry business. Nielsen is the owner of the two first addresses, and is also interested in the concerns at the two latter addresses, although they are ostensibly owned by Chinese. As far as can be learned, none of the substances mentioned are stored in nos 128 and 129 Chao Tung Road. Chlorate of Potash, Sulphuric acid and glycerine are sold publicly in the shop at Nos 108 and 109. I have been informed that their present stock consists of 10 pounds carbonate of potash, 20 bottles of sulphuric acid, and 200 pounds of glycerine.

I am, Sir,
Your obedient servant,
D.S. Givens D.S.

Seen
A.M.
31/5

C.D.I.

Chloride of Potash
Glycerine Borax soap ends
Sulphuric acid
Mercury - China Export & Import Bank Ltd.
10 Kiangse Road -

Nielsen & another German

128 - 129 Chao Tung.
108 - 109 Chao Tung Rd.

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MEMORANDUM.

POLICE FORCE.
MUNICIPAL COUNCIL.

Shanghai, Dec. 14, 1916

To

Dear Phillips,

I have consulted the Health office on the question of chemicals said to be stored in the Chaoufoong Road, and he informs me that it is no greater than is to be found in any druggist's shop. The articles in question are also in excess. Please return file and we have matter closely followed up.

G. Bros

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S. POLICE
No. 3105
Date 29.10.15

FILE

28th October

Sir,

The Chinese dispensary Meitah & Co. 美泰西药房 108/9 Chautung Road is a Chinese firm of whole sale and retail Chemists and Druggists. It deals much in goods of German manufacture.

Nielsen of Mercado & Co No. 1 A Jinkee Road late of Garrels, Borner & Co., appears to have some connection with the house. His motor car is very frequently seen waiting outside the door and he does business there of some description.

Enquiries regarding Nielsen's connection with the establishment are being continued.

Your obedient servant,

Chief Detective Inspector.

Captain Superintendent of Police.

Seen
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28th October.

Sir,

The Dispensary Meitah & Co 美泰西藥房 at 109/9 Chautung Road though ostensibly Chinese is in reality German. It was opened by Garrels, Borner and the Chinese in the establishment are in the employ of that firm.

Nielsen of Mercado & Co No. 1 A Jinkee Road who is declared to be no longer in the employ of the firm of Garrels, Borner & Co is very often there and is apparently occupied in doing work of some description. There is an office upstairs for foreigners which he occupies when there. There are only Chinese to be seen on the ground floor.

Your obedient servant,

Chief Detective Inspector.

Captain Superintendent of Police.

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Shanghai Municipal Police.

Central Police Station.

June 7th 1916.

REPORT ON Information re Activity of Germans in making Bombs, etc.

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Made by D.S.Givens. *Forwarded by*

Sir,

Enquiries made re attached go to show that "Mount Pleasant" No.24 N.Honan Road Extension, which is a public gambling house, is the only building in the vicinity of the Commercial Press that could possibly be used by Nielsen and his friends. On an addition, which was recently made to this building, there is an outside staircase by which one can gain entrance to the upper story, but the ground floor doors are always open. If ~~Here Germans~~ are making bombs and passports in "Mount Pleasant", they are most probably doing so in one of the upstairs rooms of the addition ~~recently made to the establishment~~ referred to, but I have failed to find any confirmation of the information that they are doing so. On the contrary I have been told by a frequent visitor to the resort that it is extremely unlikely that such is the case. Persons of all nationalities are admitted to Mount Pleasant, and it is improbable that Germans would start plotting in their midst. Nielsen is at present staying in the German Club, Room No 4, and seems to be keeping very quiet. He spends most of the day in his dispensary at No 128 Chao Tung Road. It is said that Nielsen has lost the confidence of the bulk of his fellow countrymen in Shanghai, who consider his schemes far fetched and unpractical. He has recently told his friends that he intends to try to get away to Japan soon.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

D.S.Givens

Detective Sergeant.

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Chief Det. Insp.

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MEMORANDUM.

POLICE FORCE.
MUNICIPAL COUNCIL

Shanghai, June 2 1914

To CDI.

A report herewith.
Please have looked into
and let me have a
report about it on
Wednesday next 7th inst

A.M.

DEPARTEMENT — S. M. P. — HUO
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"A large building at the back of the Commercial Press building - probably that known as Mount Pleasant on North Homan Road Extension, which is rented by one CARLOS GARCIA, is being used as a meeting place by NIELSEN and numerous other Germans.

The lower part of the building is never opened, an entry to the second floor being made by means of a ladder - Work goes on all night.

It is believed that the Germans are employed in faking passports or making bombs."